



## NEWS FOR OUR CITY NEIGHBORS

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**DECEMBER 2011**  
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### Annual Holiday Budget Tradition

#### City Administrator

Holiday traditions; brightly festooned tables of green and red, where all the fruits, nuts and turkeys are served up, not to mention the food. But we can't ignore that City budget process that infectiously wedges its way into this season of lights. We have tried. It's kind of like that annual fruitcake that just won't go away, you know the one; that guy you're usually stuck sitting next to during the wassail toast. Wassail! But anyway, I digress. I have been asked if I could keep this brief because our layout technician says we are limited in column space. I suggested that people just read faster but the layout technician would not hear of it so, here it goes:

The charges for City services and water and sewer utilities will be virtually the same in 2012 as they were in 2011. Oh, and no decrease in the level of services offered either. These services have been listed out before but for the sake of brevity, I'll just say we use them every day and they help us live longer.

Finally, (this part needs to be read very quickly and without taking a breath) the Mayor and City Council do not believe in hiking taxes because they feel as though hiking taxes would be like putting coal in stockings and that turns the inside of the stockings black and you'll notice on your property tax gift certificate that the City portion of the overall tax is just that, a portion, and not the biggest portion either just like the pie chart somewhere in this newsletter shows and I think pie is very appropriate for this time of year.

There!.....that about sums it up, except for....  
Wassail! And a Jolly La Te Da, La Te Da, La Te Da to all

### Comments From Your Clerk...

The Spring Election will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2011. If a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2011.

#### **\*\*Wisconsin's New Voter Photo ID Law\*\***

Wisconsin law requires voters to show an acceptable photo ID to vote starting with the 2012 February Primary.

Wisconsin law requires the Department of Transportation to provide **FREE ID cards** when requested for the purpose of voting.

Voter's must be asked to show a photo ID when they give their name and address and now sign their name on the poll list before receiving their ballot.

For detailed information about the Voter Photo ID law, please visit our website at: [www.cityofadams-wi.gov](http://www.cityofadams-wi.gov) or the Government Accountability Board website at: <http://gab.wi.gov> or call 1-866-VOTE-WIS or contact the G.A.B. Help Desk at 608-261-2028 or TTY 1-800-947-3529.

### Tax Information

#### TAX COLLECTION HOURS

Monday thru Friday

8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

(OFFICE CLOSED FROM

12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.)

No postdated checks will be accepted. Make checks payable to: Janet Winters, Treasurer, City of Adams. If you would like a receipt, please send a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope.

#### IMPORTANT – FROM THE ADAMS COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE

Because of budget constraints, the Adams County Treasurer's Office will no longer send out 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment reminder notices in June. Your new tax bill has a 3 part bottom tear off. Use the left tear off for 1<sup>st</sup> installment or the right tear off if paying in full. You will save the middle tear off portion of your tax bill for your July payment.

**REMEMBER, SAVE THIS NOTICE FOR JULY PAYMENT**

**House/Building Numbering...** By City Ordinance 13-1-23, all buildings require identification, with letters of not less than 3" nor more than 6" in height and shall be located in a manner so as to be visible from the address street. **(Please keep in mind: BUILDING NUMBERING is also EXTREMELY important for Emergency Purposes.)**

**Utility Deferred Agreements** Are available to those who need them. Contact the Clerk's office with any questions.

**The Clerk/Treasurer's Office will be Closed:** Friday, December 23, Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2, 2012

*We wish you a happy,  
healthy, and prosperous  
New Year!*



**Janet**

**Jeanne**

**Michelle**

**Communication from the Chief of Police...**

Happy Holidays from your Police Department!!!!!! People calling the non emergency number for the department 339-6839 will hear a recording advising you to leave a message when an officer is not in the office. If you wish to speak to an officer immediately, call 339-3304 which is the Adams County Sheriffs Office. They will contact an officer to contact you. Remember that 911 is for emergencies only.

Winter Parking will remain in effect until April 15. Parking takes effect at midnight and ends at 8:00 A.M. You must park on the side of the street that correlates to the number day during that time frame. If it is an odd number day during that time, park on the odd side of the street. On even number days, park on the even side of the street. If a snow emergency is declared, there is no parking on any City street until the end of the emergency. Your vehicle may be towed at your expense. Listen to WDKM 106.1 or Channel 4 on your local cable access and other media outlets for declared snow emergencies!!

Snowmobile route signs are up, be advised that snowmobiling on sidewalks is prohibited. Route maps are available at the department and on the city web site [www.cityofadams-wi.gov](http://www.cityofadams-wi.gov)

If you have questions on road conditions call 1-800-762-3947 or 511. You may also check the web at [www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/driving-cond.htm](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/driving-cond.htm) for information including road construction and road closures. Remember to buckle up when traveling; it's the law, also make sure to carry your proof of automobile insurance with you. The State now requires insurance on all vehicles operated on the roadway.

**Breakdown of the Overall Tax Bill**

The following are the levies approved by all governing bodies that are a portion of each resident's tax bill

	Total Levy (Includes TIF Increments)	Gross Mill Rate	Rate per \$1,000
County	589,353.54	0.006789101	6.789100517
City	375,876.89	0.004329941	4.329940885
School District	797,999.83	0.009192616	9.19261647
Technical College	143,053.48	0.001647915	1.647914858
State	<u>14,292.65</u>	<u>0.000164645</u>	<u>0.16464521</u>
	1,920,576.39	0.022124218	22.12421794
Less: State School Credit	<u>93,948.38</u>	<u>0.001082245</u>	<u>1.082245</u>
<b>Net Rate</b>	1,826,628.01	0.021041973	21.04197294

The above does not account for the lottery credit which is given to all full-time residents of the City of Adams or the first dollar credit.

**Breakout of Tax Bill**

